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TWO CENTS.

CROWD OF 4,000 BIDS FAREWELL TO COMPANY I

Train Bearing Brattleboro Soldiers and Three Other Companies Arrives at 10.20 p. m., Guarded by Men of Company I—Immense Stock of Provisions Taken on Board

PATHETIC SCENES AS COMPANY ASSEMBLES ON THE PLATFORM

Many Townspeople Remain at Station Until After Passage of Last Four Sections at 1.30 a. m.—Double Time Drill in Streets of Oneonta, N. Y. This Morning

Not since 1898 has Brattleboro been the scene of such a demonstration as that which marked the southward journey of Company I, V. N. G., and the other companies of the 1st Vermont regiment as they went through here between 9.30 o'clock last night and 1.30 o'clock this morning.

As was foretold in The Reformer yesterday Company I was in the first troop section which was the second section of the four trains, the first being devoted entirely to horses, baggage and camp equipment, including one motor truck and many wagons.

The station, decorated in the afternoon with American flags, began early to be congested by men, women and children. In spite of the notice that the fire alarm would be sounded at least an hour before the arrival of the train bearing Company I, the fear of losing a chance to say the last good-byes caused many to gather at the station as early as 6 o'clock.

This number was steadily augmented all through the evening until by 9 o'clock, in spite of the band concert attraction which, at the suggestion of the village commissioners, was transferred from the common to the plaza at the foot of Main street, no room was available on the platforms and about 4,000 persons had assembled. Automobiles were lined up two deep east of the east platform, and Bridge street and the roadbed of the railroad north of the station each had their quota.

A telegram from Lieut. Spaulding at White River Junction to The Reformer, received at 8 o'clock, bulletined the expected arrival of the train here at 9.30. It contained also the information that no one would be allowed to leave the train. Immediately upon receipt of this message every effort was made to have the platforms reserved near the tracks for immediate relatives of the members of Company I.

Major Ashley before reaching Brattleboro gave permission for the members of Company I to leave the cars to say their last good-byes. In some manner this became known just before the train pulled in. Lieut. Spaulding's telegram had said that Company I was the first company on the train.

Centre Congregational Church

Any persons having old fashioned costumes or any articles of wearing apparel which they are willing to loan for use in the pageant to be given on the common Wednesday, July 5, in connection with the Centre church centennial are asked to notify Miss Emma J. Gregg, telephone 284-R, or Miss Florence Hemenway-Wells, telephone 30.

First Baptist Church

There will be no meeting of the Christian Endeavor society this evening. During July and August the society will hold its meetings Sunday evenings in place of the regular preaching service.

6 Barbers 6

Now in the great white shop—the one shop of perfect sanitation.

BROOKS HOUSE SANITARY BARBER SHOP
A Real Shine Art.ist Here

Some other source of information had caused the spread of the report that the company was on the sixth car. The resultant confusion which followed the arrival of the train with the sight of the Company I boys in the first cars may be imagined.

Those who had no personal friends or immediate relatives among the company were nearest to the cars carrying the local boys. Those who had banked on the sixth car rumor started a rush to reach those who were near and dear to them.

When it was seen that the members of the company were to be allowed to detain the rush increased. Those who gladly would have made way for relatives were unable to do so, with the result that while some few of the soldier boys were lucky enough to get in quick touch with those who were of their own kin, in the confusion which prevailed some of them had only an instant to say farewell after the bugle had sounded and the train was about to leave.

It was a heart rending scene. Men and women had no hesitancy in appealing to a soldier engaged in saying farewell to ask for the whereabouts of those they sought. It was a question not easy to answer, but every one tried to help out some less fortunate comrade.

Not only did mothers and fathers, sisters and sweethearts, wish to say goodbye, but for every soldier boy there was at least one box of good things to eat. Where folks gave up early in the brief interval allowed for goodbys, the hope of finding their loved ones they entrusted to any man in uniform the boxes intended for personal use and distribution. It is safe to say that no one of these miscarried. No one of the others on that long train but knew how the boys from Brattleboro felt.

After the train left Bellows Falls it was possible to learn its makeup. Upon receipt of the information the problem of transporting the two express trucks loaded with gifts for the company presented itself. The trucks were well to the north end of the east platform and had to be moved through a dense throng nearly to the water plug well south of the station. Col. J. Gray Estey, former commander of the regiment, and President Horton D. Walker of the board of trade, the latter of whom had been engaged since 3 o'clock in transporting the various offerings to the station and keeping a guard over them, broke the way. The crowd willingly parted as rapidly and as widely as possible and the trucks were finally landed where it was possible to load their contents on the baggage car during the brief stay.

Every available railroad man in Brattleboro was on duty at the station in the successful effort to aid the police and some volunteers to prevent accidents. The trains as they approached Bridge street crossing were slowed down and with railroad men walking ahead and swinging lanterns barely crawled into the station.

From every window of the early sections heads were sticking out. The boys whose homes were elsewhere were willing to talk with anyone and shake hands with everyone and those who had no immediate friends or relatives in the local company chatted with boys from the other companies of the regiment.

They were a tired, hot and dusty lot

in spite of the fact that they all got thoroughly wet in their march in the morning from the camp ground to Essex Junction. They reported that it rained constantly in their trip down the state until the trains got south of White River Junction.

The new railroad station was lighted from top to bottom and all available lights on the platforms were burning and shone on the large flags flying from every roof support.

The first section with the freight and baggage equipment was made up of first class rolling stock of the Central Vermont. Boys from the St. Johnsbury company were in charge of the horses and guarding the train. While the train stood at the station one of them remarked that they had smoked their last cigarettes and in a minute packages of cigarettes began to shower into the car. They had enough to "hold them" a few minutes when the train pulled out.

The second section containing Companies M, L, K, and J, which led the men to call it the "milk" train, arrived at 10.20 o'clock amid scenes already described. A surprisingly large number of people waited or returned to see the arrival of the third section at 11.30 o'clock. This consisted of Companies E of Bellows Falls, F of Northfield, G of Winoski and H of Montpelier. This section was in command of Maj. Tinker. Many of those at the station knew boys in the Bellows Falls company and found opportunity to talk with them. In this company is Louis Gorbosino, a Brattleboro boy.

It was not until 1.20 this morning that the fourth and last section under command of Maj. Walter O. Cooley of Brattleboro, pulled up at the station. On this train was Lieut. Taylor, assistant surgeon of the regiment, a physician at the Brattleboro Retreat, and several local boys. Stanley Wilson, a student in the medical department of the University of Vermont, was a member of the hospital squad on the train and had been appointed orderly, and Ralph Thayer, a West Brattleboro boy, was a member of Company C, the University of Vermont company, and both held receptions. Their parents and relatives were there to see them off and many high school students had waited to bid them farewell.

Maj. Cooley was in the officers' car at the rear and did not leave it, but hanging out of the open window of his section, he held a reception as long as the train remained at the station. When the last red light on the "buggy," the caboose attached to the rear of all the troop trains for the use of the railroad men, had disappeared down the track Brattleboro had bidden farewell to the last of the first detachment of Vermont troops to leave for the Mexican border. There were many who realized that this probably was only a start, for in a week or two another detachment, now in training at the state camp ground and waiting for equipment, probably will go through Brattleboro and this will contain many of the younger boys and enlisted men.

Lieut. Walter R. Spaulding, commanding Company I, at the request of The Reformer, is reporting progress of the journey for the benefit of friends in the home town. He telegraphed this morning from Oneonta, N. Y., as follows: "Arrived at Oneonta at 8 o'clock. Had double time drill in the streets for exercise. Estey organ welcome gift. Food enough for entire battalion for five days put on train at Brattleboro. Typhoid serum to be taken on train at once. Brattleboro gave us the best send off we have seen anywhere."

The complete roster of the men who made up Company I as it went through Brattleboro under command of Lieut. Walter R. Spaulding, as furnished The Reformer by the lieutenant at the railroad station, shows one or two additions to the roster as published Monday, and, of course, the elimination of the names of those who refused to take the oath and who were dropped at the state camp because of failure to pass the physical examinations. Some promotions are shown in the list and transfers indicated.

Artificer Eriksen is made a corporal and Private C. A. Pellett is now the artificer. Private Levi Heap is one of the three cooks and Edward Gonyer and W. H. Lee the others. With these changes the roster as published down to the list of privates

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MURDERERS WERE KILLED

Bandits Who Shot an American Rancher and His Wife Wiped Out

CAUGHT ON THIS SIDE OF THE BORDER

Army Officers in Columbus, New Mexico, Are Investigating the Report that the Six Mexicans Were Killed Early Today.

COLUMBUS, New Mexico, June 28.—Army officers are investigating a report that the murderers of William Parker and his wife on their ranch southwest of Hachita were caught early today on this side of the border and killed. A message received by a relative of the Parkers said the bandits, six in number, were wiped out.

COLUMBUS, N. M., June 28.—American cavalrymen, assisted by possees of ranchmen and citizens of Hachita, N. M., and nearby towns, are pursuing bandits who early yesterday raided a ranch about thirty-five miles southwest of Hachita, killing William Parker, the owner, and Mrs. Alice Parker, his bride of five months.

According to stories reaching here the bandits are Mexicans who recently have committed numerous minor depredations in the district. Parker, from whom the Mexican bandits stole a number of head of stock last week, attempted to drive them off, but was forced to retreat to the ranch house. The marauders followed, broke through the door, and murdered Parker and his bride. They are said to have made their way south, driving a number of cattle and horses before them.

Immediately the news of the raid became known citizens of Hachita and other communities in the neighborhood formed posses and moved to the ranch to take up the trail of the bandits. Shortly afterward cavalry detachments were ordered from Las Cienegas, Alamo, Hueco, and other outposts.

Lieutenant Waterman, commanding the Hachita district, telegraphed the following report of the incident to military headquarters here last night: "Reported that Mr. and Mrs. William Parker were murdered near Double Adobe Ranch, twenty-five miles northeast of Las Cienegas. Civil authorities and detachments of cavalry from Cienegas, Alamo, and Culberson's ranch have taken up the trail. Mexicans suspected."

MASSACHUSETTS BOYS HAVE GONE

Last of the Federalized Militia Started Today—Cavalrymen Balked at Oath.

FRAMINGHAM, Mass., June 28.—The last of the federalized militia organizations called from this state started for the South today. The field artillery and cavalry forces, having overcome the difference regarding their mounts, entrained during the night and forenoon and set out as the rear of the movement which Brigadier General Sweetser and the ninth regiment began Monday night. When concentrated at El Paso the Massachusetts troops will number 5,000 men. They are equipped with nearly every article required and will have also various improved motor trucks, gun mounts, cycles and ambulances, field kitchen units and other special appliances. At the railroad yard Major Schmitz, commanding the cavalry, stated that his forces had lost 25 per cent of their numbers because of refusal of the men to take the new federal oath. Their objections, he explained, were largely to the clause which would bind them to three years' service on the reserve list after they had finished an active period of three years.

HEAVY POUNDING OF THE POSITIONS

Correspondent, Traveling 70 Miles, Beheld an Inferno on Nearly Every Outlook.

BRITISH FIELD HEADQUARTERS IN FRANCE, June 28.—British guns continued today the bombardment begun yesterday. The Associated Press correspondent, riding 70 miles behind the lines, found the same heavy pounding of positions on both days. Whether at a high point which allowed a broad sweep of vision or forward to observation posts in the trenches the correspondent found the horizon always bounded by shell bursts. There might be a hill at one point for a while, but soon the inferno was renewed. Under cover of the bombardment the British made numerous trench raids last night, bringing in squads of prisoners.

SURROUNDING GEN. PERSHING

Large Forces of Mexican Cavalry Being Concentrated East of Line

TRUCKMEN BRING NEWS TO COLUMBUS

American Commander Is Drilling His Men Regularly and Is Sparring No Effort to Make His Force as Mobile as Possible.

COLUMBUS, New Mexico, June 28.—Large forces of Carranza cavalry are being concentrated a short distance east of General Pershing's line, according to reports received here today by army truckmen. They assert that the American commander is drilling his men regularly and is sparing no effort to make his force as mobile as possible.

MEXICAN PROTEST AGAINST OUTRAGES

Mistreatment of 300 Citizens by American Soldiers at La Cruz, Mexico, Is Alleged.

WASHINGTON, June 28.—A note protesting against outrages against Mexican citizens alleged to have been committed by an American force 3,000 strong marching from San Jeronimo towards Valle was sent to the state department today by Eliseo Arredondo on instructions from the Carranza foreign office. Vigorous complaint against the alleged arrest and mistreatment of 300 citizens at La Cruz is registered with a request that the officers responsible be punished and steps taken to prevent a repetition of the offense.

GERMAN ULTIMATUM TO SWITZERLAND

Demand Made for the Exchange of Commodities—Time Limit to Expire Tomorrow Night.

PARIS, June 28.—A Zurich despatch to The Matin says that the German demands on Switzerland for the exchange of commodities are in the form of an ultimatum, which expires at 6 o'clock Thursday night.

ASSAULT WAS CHECKED.

Germans Unsuccessful in Violent Attack Near Fleury.

PARIS, June 28.—German troops last night delivered another attack on the French positions near Fleury on the sector of the Verdun front over which violent fighting has been in progress for several days. The assault was checked by the French fire, the war office announced today.

AUSTRIANS THROWN BACK.

Italians Report Making Important Gains on Trentino Front.

ROME, June 28.—The Italians have flung the Austrians farther back on the Trentino front. The war office today announced the capture of two positions between Posina and Astico. The Italians also advanced on the Asiago plateau occupying the southern side of the Assa valley and reaching the mountain slopes.

SHOTS WERE EXCHANGED.

Mexican Soldiers Close to Sentry in Nogales, Arizona.

NOGALES, Arizona, June 28.—Shots were exchanged shortly before midnight between a sentry squad on the west side of the town and a detachment of Mexican soldiers. The corporal in charge of the post reported that he challenged and they continued to advance without replying, and after they were well over the line they fired a shot at him.

HALIFAX.

Mrs. Willis Weatherhead of Guilford is visiting at C. H. Larnard's a week.

Mrs. Millard Weeks and Mr. and Mrs. Marshall Weeks of Los Angeles, Cal., are visiting at G. M. Scott's. Mrs. Mary Bottomley and Mr. and Mrs. Myron C. Grosier of Shelburne Falls are expected at Hillsdale camp Saturday.

Miss Alice Bowen closed her school Saturday. Her pupils and friends enjoyed a picnic and ball game in the afternoon near the school grounds.

Mr. and Mrs. Harry Ward, Miss Edythe Thompson and friend of New York city have been spending a week at the Ward bungalow, making the trip by automobile.

Living by yourself is apt to beget a critical mind. Gee! How many liars there are who actually believe what they say is so!

EXPECT MEXICAN BREAK TOMORROW

President Wilson Ready to Go to Congress Unless Carranza Orders the Immediate Release of the American Troopers Captured at the Fight Recently at Carrizal

CARBURETOR BALKS AND CAR BURNS UP

H. M. Boyd's Chalmers Destroyed on Putney Road Early This Morning on Way to Ralph Peltier's.

H. M. Boyd's Chalmers touring car was reduced to ashes about 2 o'clock this morning, that is, everything that would burn and leave ashes. Mr. Boyd, who is employed at Wilson Brothers' garage, was on the way to Ralph Peltier's home on the Putney road, Mr. Peltier riding with him, and when they were a short distance south of Fred Thomas's the carburetor back-fired and in a brief period the car was in flames. The young men worked desperately to put out the fire, but to no avail. The engine was made fit for the junk pile, and there will be but little salvage.

Mr. Peltier will furnish his aeroplane for a fight in Hillsboro, N. H., July 4, and he and Mr. Boyd were preparing to make a trip to Hillsboro to set up the machine, when the accident happened.

14,000 TROOPS ARE EN ROUTE TO BORDER

A Force of 40,000 in State Camps and Armories Waiting to Be Sent South Soon.

NEW YORK, June 28.—Some 14,000 New England troops of the department of the East already are on their way to the Mexican border today. A force of 40,000 more are in state camps or armories waiting to be sent away as soon as equipment and transportation can be provided. Major General Wood hopes to be able to start among other troops, the New Hampshire contingent today.

WANTS TO AVOID BREAK.

Report from Silliman Says Old General Expressed That Wish.

WASHINGTON, June 28.—Carranza's delay in replying is believed here to be due largely to his hope to have the South and Central American countries agree fully to his course before he makes a formal statement. "The President expressed the wish to me," Senator Lewis said after calling on Mr. Wilson, "that whatever disagreement there might be in congress it should be conducted entirely in a non-partisan manner."

John R. Silliman, consul at Saltillo, who now is at Eagle Pass, Texas, advised the state department of the receipt by a labor paper of a telegram from Gen. Carranza saying he was prepared to do everything possible to avoid a break with the United States."

WILCOX AS CHAIRMAN.

Hughes's Personal Friend to Direct G. O. P. Campaign.

NEW YORK, June 28.—Developments at the temporary headquarters of Charles E. Hughes ranged yesterday from ratification by the national subcommittee on organization of the nominee's choice of Wilbur L. Wilcox as chairman of the Republican national committee to the announcement that Theodore Roosevelt had accepted an invitation to dine with Mr. Hughes tonight.

Mr. Wilcox, lawyer, former postmaster of New York, and until 1913 chairman of the public service commission of New York, is a personal and political friend of the nominee. His selection resulted from Mr. Hughes's desire to have as chairman a resident of New York, known to him personally, a man somewhat removed from recent political developments, not allied with any faction of the party and acceptable to Republicans and Progressives alike.

FIGHTING IN ALGERIA.

Native Tribes Conquered by French After Fierce Fighting.

RABAT, Morocco, via Paris, June 26.—French troops have quelled a serious revolt of tribes in Algeria after fierce fighting. The rebels were desperate and were only defeated after their principal stronghold had been stormed by the French.

THE WEATHER

Partly Cloudy Tonight and Thursday.

—Light to Moderate Winds.

WASHINGTON, June 28.—The weather forecast: Partly cloudy to night and Thursday. Light to moderate variable winds.

WASHINGTON, June 28.—There was nothing today to indicate that the Washington government's position had undergone any change. Officials still expected President Wilson to go to congress tomorrow if Carranza failed to act or replied unfavorably.

Anything short of immediate release of the American troopers will be unsatisfactory. No suggestions or proposal of negotiations in this regard will be accepted. It was pointed out today that Secretary Lansing's note presenting the demand sought to open no discussion of the Carrizal incident. The fact that the men were being held is held a hostile act requiring an immediate reprisal and the immediate release of the captives.

Mr. Rodgers' statement that Carranza officials appeared to be conducting an inquiry into the Carrizal clash was interpreted to indicate that the reply would support previous assertions that American troops were responsible. While it will not affect the general policy of the government a final report of the fight from General Pershing is awaited.

A board of officers may be assigned by General Pershing to assemble a report of all officers who have knowledge of the Carrizal fight.

DOES NOT EXPECT WAR.

Argentine Ambassador Confident Present Crisis Will Be Settled.

NEW YORK, June 28.—Romulo S. Naon, Argentine ambassador to the United States, issued a statement here today in which he said that while he had made no offer of mediation looking to the settlement of the differences between the United States and Mexico he was "in candor confident that the present crisis will be peacefully settled."

WERE DRIVEN BACK.

Mexicans Who Tried to Cross River Fired Upon from Sentry Post.

NOGALES, New Mexico, June 28.—American occupation of Nogales Sonora loomed close early today when eight Mexican soldiers were driven back by a United States sentry post as they tried to cross to the American side. The Mexicans withdrew and Major William D. Brooke ordered his men to "drop anybody you see acting suspiciously. If a shot comes from over there we will go straight across."

CARRANZA'S REPLY.

Special Agent Rodgers Expects to Receive It Today.

WASHINGTON, June 28.—Special Agent Rodgers at Mexico City, in a brief telegram dated yesterday, and received at the state department early today, said he expected to be handed Gen. Carranza's reply to the American note today.

WEST HALIFAX.

E. M. Whitney is doing F. T. Miner's haying.

Howard Robinson is boarding with Mrs. Emma Pratt.

Lewis Sumner has taken E. S. Cooke's haying to do.

The women of the Universalist will hold a social in the church July 5.

George F. Postler, state superintendent, will preach in the Universalist church Sunday, July 2, at 2.30 p. m.

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